

Denali Commission Grant Update:

Denali Commission wants Engineer Nancy Elrod and I to begin the Small Project Transportation Maintenance and Improvements Grant NOFO: DC-TP-17-002 next spring 2018. The goal is to fix the drainage problems that are the worst around town with a little over \$100,000.00 awarded. It will put to work two operators and three or four laborers, an accountant, a tribal transportation planner and engineer. We are looking at one month of work.

I was able to get the Federal Assistance, Construction Assurances and Recipient Self-Assessment Risk Assessment done for Denali Commission. After some back and forth emails about our indirect percentage with our Tribal Administrator Brenda Ambrose, Denali Commission accepted the final pre-award documents. During her trip here recently to close out Ruby Slough Road, Engineer Nancy Elrod also took the opportunity to drive around with me to inspect the drainage issues in detail. We started at late Eleanor and Billy Captain's house and worked our way up the hill. Nancy wants the culverts to get bigger as we go downhill.

It was decided to replace that culvert at the Captain's with a bigger culvert. Working our way towards the post office, we saw within the city limits Poorman Road needed one bigger culvert. We both interviewed Ruby Postmaster MaryAnn McCarty about the glacier that forms in front and to the side of the post office. MaryAnn walked us around to show how it floods and drew us a map for future reference. She said the glacier starts as soon as December. I will send Nancy the pictures again of this glacier that went over to the old laundromat for quick reference. Again, we measured culverts and wrote in what we would need to order by first barge next spring.

As we worked our way up Wildberry Road noting where to put culverts we turned into Titna Road in front of the City Office and towards Bobby Kennedy Sr. Road which would take us to the new Ruby Tribal Council Office. Along Titna Road, we found heated culverts which were not maintained and were falling apart. We studied this City Office area a long time and I told Nancy I will again send pictures of the massive flooding happening on this road. Much of the money will go to this area. As we neared the intersection of Titna Road and Bobby Kennedy Sr. Road, we noted to put in more culvert where Patrick McCarty and George Albert's corner is. Eventually there will need to be a culvert put in to drain the new Ruby Tribal Council Office building and Nancy said one of the existing culverts here in Ruby would work. Nancy made a point not to put too large a culvert in some areas as it would require laying two smaller culverts next to each other so as not to make huge mounds in the road. We noted the routes the school children take when walking to school in these areas. It is very important to make the roads safer for them.

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Transportation Planner - *Signed* Yvonne Adams
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